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Office Action Summary**Application No.**

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NAKAMURA ET AL.

Examiner

ANKUSH K. SINGAL

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 June 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-946)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SF/ICE)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

3. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

4. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kainosho et al.(US. 4,929,564) in view of Yoon et al.(US 2003/0077870).

Re. claim 1, Kainosho et al. discloses a vapor phase growth method for growing an epitaxial layer on a semiconductor substrate, comprising: previously measuring a resistivity of the semiconductor substrate at a room temperature; controlling a set temperature of the substrate depending on the resistivity at the room temperature such that a surface temperature of the substrate is a desired temperature regardless of the resistivity of the semiconductor substrate(Note: In column 2,lines 26-68 and column 3,lines 1-68, Kainosho et al. discloses how the resistivity is measured and temperature is controlled to prevent the deterioration of the homogeneity of the electrical properties across the wafer) but does not teach growing the epitaxial layer.

However, Yoon et al. teaches growing the epitaxial layer (Para[0016]) to have superior homogeneity of electrical properties.

Therefore it would have been obvious for one with ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide Kainosho et al. structure with the method of growing epitaxial layer of Yoon et al. to have superior homogeneity of electrical properties.

Re. claim 2 as discussed above in claim 1, Kainosho et al. and Yoon et al. in combination disclose all the limitations as discussed above in claim 1 including the

semiconductor substrate is a compound semiconductor(Column 2,lines 26-35, Kainosho et al.).

Re. claim 3 as discussed above in claim 2, Kainosho et al. and Yoon et al. in combination disclose all the limitations as discussed above in claim 2 including the semiconductor substrate is an InP substrate(Column 2,lines 26-35, Kainosho et al.).

Re. claim 4 as discussed above in claim 3, Kainosho et al. and Yoon et al. in combination disclose all the limitations as discussed above in claim 3 including the semiconductor substrate is an Fe-doped InP substrate (Column 2,lines 26-35, Kainosho et al.).

Re. claim 5 as discussed above in claim 1, Kainosho et al. and Yoon et al. in combination disclose all the limitations as discussed above in claim 1 including a molecular beam epitaxy is used to grow an epitaxial layer (Para[0016], Yoon et al.).

Response to Arguments

In response to applicant's argument , Page 2,lines 17-18 " Yoon does not teach the improved electrical properties by growing the epitaxial layer", the claim does not mention the importance of growing the epitaxial layer.

5. In response to applicant's argument that the references fail to show certain features of applicant's invention, it is noted that the features upon which applicant relies (i.e., the set temperature changes depending on the resistivity of the substrate at a room temperature in order to adjust the actual substrate temperature to the predetermined temperature during the epitaxial layer growth, Page 3, lines 6-8 of argument) are not recited in the rejected claim(s). Although the claims are interpreted in light of the specification, limitations from the specification are not read into the claims. See *In re Van Geuns*, 988 F.2d 1181, 26 USPQ2d 1057 (Fed. Cir. 1993).

Conclusion

6. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ANKUSH k. SINGAL whose telephone number is (571)270-1204. The examiner can normally be reached on monday-friday 7am-5pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Drew Richards can be reached on (571)272-1736. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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